

# Namibia Today Sport

## Braehmer attempts to evade Merero by all cost

By Kayele M. Kambombo

**WINDHOEK:** The German boxing stable of WBO light heavy-weight world champion Juergen Braehmer plays Mickey Mouse tricks with the Namibian camp of challenger WBO Africa light heavy-weight champion Vikipita Merero by dodging the fight.

At the outset Braehmer was challenged by a Spanish-born Alejandro Lakatus is the reigning WBO European light heavyweight, but according to the grapevine the latter changed his strategy.

Consequently, Braehmer's camp opted for a Plan B, to cajole Merero to replace Lakatus. With the arrival of Merero in Hamburg, Germany, Plan B was reverted to the initial plan for Braehmer fight Lakatus.

Lakatus is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the world while Merero is ranked 7<sup>th</sup>.

Merero was left in the lurk for a while until he was clued-up that he was scheduled to fight in the main international non-title undercard against Jevgenijs Andrejevs, a south-paw from Russia over 8<sup>th</sup> round.

Nestor Tobias told *Namibia Today Sport* from Hamburg that "Merero's fight against Andrejevs is

not yet a final one as the promoters of Braehmer has put the Namibian pugilist on standby,

meaning that incase Lakatus does not turn up Merero will go for the world title against Braehmer.

"Whatever the case may be, we are ready for anything. The end result is that Merero will be in the

ring to fight tomorrow night. There are no two ways about it", says Tobias confidently.



**Fellow boxing mates, fans and supporters gathered last weekend at Nestor Tobias' dwelling in Khomasdal to wish Vikipita "The Beast Master" Merero good luck for his fight scheduled for tomorrow in Hamburg, Germany.**

## NFA meets at Midgard

The Namibia football Association will hold a three-day Administration and Management Course for its affiliates this weekend.

The course forms part of the NFA's policy of empowering its members in Football Administration and Management and ensuring that the game is elevated to its rightful level.

"Some of us have learned a lot through FIFA courses and it is now time for us to share this little expertise with others so that we all have a similar if not the same understanding of how to do things in the 21<sup>st</sup> century" said Barry Rukoro, NFA Secretary General.

The Course will start on Saturday at Midgard Country Estate with participants to be updated with latest development programmes of the Association and how to deal with Finances.

Other issues to be covered during the course will be marketing, events management and competitions, to be complimented by discussions and reports from the members on these topics.

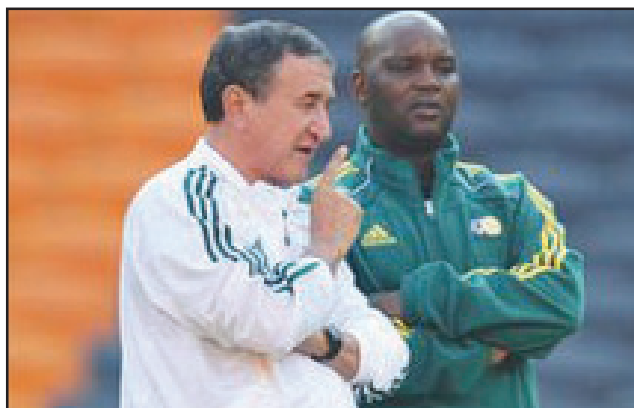
"there is a lot happening at the head office and seeing is believing and bringing people together like this can only enhance our cooperation and how best to deal with issues we encounter in our operations.

The delegates will also be introduced to the new registration and competitions management system that the NFA have acquired from CAF, aimed at easing player movement and competitions managing.

Presenters and facilitators have been selected from amongst the members of the Association, based on their training and knowledge of the topics at this information sharing rendezvous.

Meanwhile, the NFA Coaches Association is to be established in September during a special Seminar organized by the Technical Director Klaus Staerk.

Participants of the Coaching Course held in May this year, the CAF/NFA C-License Coaches, and NFA Instructors will form part of the Seminar to be held on September 3 to 4 at the NFA Soccer House.



**Pitso Mosimane (right) was Parreira's assistant during the World Cup**



**Jevgenijs Andrejevs, a southpaw from Russia**



**WBO light heavyweight world champion Juergen Braehmer**

## Pitso Mosimane is new Bafana boss

By Piers Edwards

**South Africa have named Pitso Mosimane as the new head coach of the national side, Bafana Bafana.**

The former assistant to World Cup coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has been handed a four-year contract.

His first job is to qualify for the 2012 Africa Cup of Nations in Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, then the same competition in Libya in 2013.

The term of the deal also spans the all-important qualifying campaign for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

"I feel extremely privileged to be promoted to head coach," the former SuperSport United boss said at a Johannesburg news conference confirming his appointment.

"It's my vision to take Bafana Bafana to a higher level at the 2014 World Cup.

"At some stage, I may make an error or two and if that's the case, I believe I'll have the grace to accept it, correct it and learn from it." Mosimane has been set various targets by South Africa Football Association (SAFA), according to its chief executive, Leslie Sedibe.

"It's critical to qualify for the Nations Cup and Brazil 2014, and the coach understands the mandate and expectation from the people of South Africa," Sedibe said.

Mosimane has asked that Jairo Leal, another Parreira assistant, and fitness trainer Francisco Gonzalez be retained.

"I'd like to thank Parreira for all the mentoring and confidence he's shown in me," said Mosimane.

Mosimane rose to prominence when leading local side SuperSport United to two cup trophies and to two league runner-up places between 2001 and 2006.

He has been caretaker coach of South Africa once before, leading the side to three victories and three draws from seven games in 2006. From 2007, he worked under Parreira who strongly advocated his nomination for the post once Bafana Bafana's World Cup dream had ended.

Bafana Bafana's next competitive match is in September when they host Niger for their inaugural 2012 Nations Cup qualifier.

Sierra Leone and the reigning African champions Egypt are the other teams in their group (*BBC Sport*).



**Joanitha Gowases, Namibia Premier League (NPL) Front Desk and Registration Officer will be jetting to Westphalia, Germany, on job training from July 18 – 30, 2010. The trip was facilitated by Klaus Staerk, Namibia Football Association Technical Director, and was organized following consultation Mathew Haikali, NPL Chief Executive Officer, for capacity building for the NPL. This was one of the areas that the NPL need to build, to be able to service, its members and all stakeholders of the league. This is in line with the NPL's need to build the capacity and skills of the staff.**

## Ghana move up Fifa ranking

**Ghana's Black Stars have moved up nine places to 23 on Fifa's latest team ranking.**

The Stars got as far as the quarter finals at the tournament and only lost out on a semi-final berth on penalties to become Africa's second highest place team.

Egypt is still the top team on the continent according to the ranking and Ivory Coast are placed third.

Newly crowned World Champions Spain, are the top team in the world ranking.

Beaten finalists The Netherlands, moved up two places to number two while, former number one, Brazil dropped two places to third.

Nigeria's Super Eagles who had a woeful outing at the World Cup dropped nine places in the global standings to 30th and are fourth on the African table.

South Africa are Africa's biggest climbers, they moved up 17 places and are 66th worldwide and 12th in Africa.

Africa's top ten:

1. Egypt (9 worldwide),
2. Ghana (23 worldwide),
3. Ivory Coast (26 worldwide),
4. Nigeria (30 worldwide),
5. Algeria (33 worldwide),
6. Gabon (34 worldwide)
7. Cameroon (40 worldwide)
8. Burkina Faso (45 worldwide)
9. Mali (55 worldwide)
10. Benin (61 worldwide)

Namibia went down with eight points from last month's FIFA rankings and are at the 31<sup>st</sup> spot this month (July).